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Preliminary majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher in the Northeast and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was generally in a range of steady to firm. Demand was moderate to fairly good, for the limited offerings. Supplies, overall were reported in good to close balance. However, floor stocks were about sufficient for anticipated weekend needs. Deliveries in the Midwest were still having some delays because of the affects of the adverse winter weather. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings and thigh meat were in good balance to short, breast items were well cleared to tight. Balance of items were irregular, but usually balanced to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	62.00-76.00	66.28	30
New York	69.00-72.00			
Los Angeles	79.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	59.00-73.50	71.54	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
987	68.70-75.25	73.12
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	164.00	1,336
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,652
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,290
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,865
WINGS	112.50	2,953

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago market area increased 2 cents from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady on limited offerings. Demand into all channels improved over previous trade period, mostly moderate. Weather interruptions had curtailed and road conditions were greatly improved, although flooding remained a concern in Ohio and Indiana. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Parts trade was centered on wings and breast cuts with activity on dark meat and leg quarters moderate. Wings and breast supplies were limited, dark meat in close balance and leg quarters were available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, breast items and dark meat, and steady on leg quarters.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady in the West, and firm in the East and Central region When compared to last week values. Demand was moderate to good with floor stocks well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was at least moderate with wings tight and short, b/s breast were well cleared to very close balance, dark meat was sufficient to at times close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Early trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings in fairly good balance with small sized product confidently held. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best where featured. Dealers anticipated fair weekend carryovers, with possible delays in deliveries due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions. Trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady on bone-in breast, fully steady on boneless leg and thigh meat and generally steady on leg quarters and boneless breast.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – whole body 99, cornish hen 22 ounces 399 each, boneless breast 177-479 and 4# bag IQF 999, breast tenders 199-499 and 4# bag IQF 899, split breast 129, leg quarters 99, thigh 99, drumstick 99, ground breast 349;

Idaho – cornish hen 699 each 44 ounce twin pack, boneless breast 249 and 4# bag IQF 899, split breast 129, drumstick 99, thigh 99,

(deli food service – rotisserie 599 each, tenders 499);

Southern California – whole body 57, whole cut-up 149, boneless breast 167-299, boneless leg meat 99-167, split breast 99-199, leg quarter 89 and 10# bag 350-490, thigh 87-149, drumstick 79-149,

(deli food service – fried 8 piece mixed 399-499, 12 piece mixed 699, 8 piece drumstick and thigh combo 399, rotisserie 498 each, breast tenders 399, breast strips 549).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance to short. Breast items moved into a better balance and were clearing satisfactorily. Thighs and boneless thigh meat were close balance. Other items were mostly adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were heavy and included some operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.23
NO. OF BOXES	7,910
CUMULATIVE	01/03/05-01/07/05 74.69
	01/05/04-01/09/04 68.30
NO. OF BOXES	01/03/05-01/07/05 40,048
	01/05/04-01/09/04 43,740

JAN 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 07

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	791	120.00-150.00	120-125	124.51	696	122.00-155.00	122-126	127.27	3,453	125.21
TENDERLOINS	118	105.00-170.00	112-117	118.09	173	105.00-170.00	112-117	116.36	892	115.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	70.00-75.00	70-72	71.11	86	70.00-78.00	72-75	73.37	399	71.20
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				42	57.00-67.00	62-65	64.74	247	61.72
LEGS	73	32.00-49.00	32-34	34.96	58	32.00-49.00	33-34	35.72	324	35.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.33	510	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.41	2,546	26.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	896	25.50-32.00	28-29	28.52	1,095	26.00-33.00	28-29	28.87	4,820	28.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	112.00-118.00	113-115	114.09	306	113.00-120.00	115-116	115.79	1,485	110.93
WINGS (CUT)	690	126.00-135.00	130-135	131.80	725	127.00-137.00	131-135	132.61	3,132	130.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				230	34.96
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				130	37.54
B/S THIGHS	75	82.00-86.00	-	83.07	TOO FEW TO REPORT				407	80.82

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JAN 06, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

40.00 - 47.00

43.38

40.50 - 48.00

45.58

44.08

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items had moved in a better balance with boneless breast in the tighter position. Wings were short and commanding premiums. Thighs and boneless thighs continued in good balance. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to fairly good. The market tone was firm on wings; fully steady to firm on thighs and boneless thighs. Breast items were at least steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 07

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	129.55	515,760		135	129.77	788,200	128.64		3,231,800
TENDERLOINS	110	111.48	122,040		110	111.85	171,400	112.24		558,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	78.69	106,560		68-69	76.34	130,760	76.22		579,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	67.65	128,200		68	69.87	134,960	68.96		607,240
LEGS	42-43	38.38	340,880		42-43	38.31	432,280	38.51		1,786,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.04	271,550		28-29	28.73	467,215	29.14		1,753,810
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	31.91	107,600		23-24	33.87	170,049	33.17		634,419
THIGHS	28-29	41.37	69,440		29-30	42.31	83,600	40.92		402,380
B/S THIGHS	84-85	83.47	66,720		85-86	77.12	97,280	77.43		368,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	121.81	142,200		112-113	119.69	187,800	119.96		769,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.59	29,880		10-12	11.92	35,800	11.77		149,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.08	17,040		30-35	28.78	10,160	28.73		82,690
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.82	19,160		60-65	64.64	20,800	64.58		106,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)			
	01/07	01/06	01/05	01/03	01/05	01/03	12/31	12/29		
Alabama	4,262	4,051	3,932	3,965	5.26	5.32	(A)	5.11		
Arkansas	4,922	5,529	5,073	5,431	4.97	5.21	(A)	5.00		
Delmarva	2,634	2,265	2,253	2,249	5.59	5.61	(A)	5.72		
KY-LA-TN	2,685	2,185	2,147	2,145	5.16	5.16	(A)	5.16		
Mississippi	3,134	3,097	3,011	2,909	5.67	5.62	(A)	5.47		
North Caro	3,333	2,557	2,352	2,440	6.44	6.61	(A)	6.56		
Texas	2,550	2,458	2,494	2,462	5.32	5.25	(A)	5.10		
TOTAL	23,520	22,142	21,262	21,601	5.41	5.49	8,258	5.37		
MON-FRI	110,399(B)						90,169(B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jan-04 and 08-Jan-05 is estimated to be 35,189,000 up 183.97 per cent from a week ago and up 2.0 per cent from a year ago.

(Last week 12,392,000; last year 34,503,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Jan-05

is estimated to be 157,297,000 head up 14 percent from a week ago, and down 1 from a year ago

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63-71
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-108
DRY PACK	103-105
ICE PACK	111
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-111
ICE PACK	89-93
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
DRY PACK	175-192
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 25-Dec-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	19,829	12,909	34,453
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.32
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%

Comparisons

Last week	25,138	23,083	45,646
Avg Weight	3.56	4.73	6.37
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	20,542	19,674	27,559
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.27
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%

To date/2004	1,317,686	1,066,584	2,336,124
To date/2003	1,181,766	1,223,467	2,231,127

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 01-Jan-05 **YOUNG CHICKENS** **LIGHT HENS** **HEAVY HENS** **TOTAL HENS** **DUCKS**
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632	451
Avg Wt	5.33	3.32	8.01	5.61	6.76
Last week	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277	405
Same wk yr ago	134,816	1,118	898	2,016	413
Avg Wt	5.15	3.19	7.95	5.31	6.82
To-date/2004	8,092,572	70,858	70,509	141,367	24,515
To-date/2003	7,940,300	72,834	71,890	144,724	21,491

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 139.3 million head, or 13.3 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JANUARY 04, 2005

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.52	Silkie	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.47 - 1.49	Geese 9-14 LBS	.75
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30	Pigeons	2.50 - 2.90ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .45	White Pigeons	4.85 - 5.10ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.30	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - .90	Guinea Pigs	.01 - .02ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.45 - 1.50	Goats	42.00 - 51.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.75 - 5.25ea.	Doves	6.00 - 7.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.00ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .75ea.	Total Coops Sold	384

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 03-JANUARY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64.00-73.50	70.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	68.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 03-JANUARY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November	27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
December	4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
	11	161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
	18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
	25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January	1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
Year to date		8190.9	8346.6	98%	
January	8		154.9		
	15		158.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	12/18/04	12/11/04	% CHG	12/20/03	% CHG
Broilers	157,297	137,675*	+14	158,835*	-01
Cattle	574	538	+07	561*	+02
Hogs	1,989	1,806	+10	2,011*	-01

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavies being used internally. Offerings were generally adequate and clearing. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-34	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-9	6-8.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Interest for available flocks were only fair. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-5	4-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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